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marvellously busy one. The titles only of his published and unpublished works would fill half a column of the *ADVOCATE*. He wrote nothing not instinct with thought and alive with suggestion.

PATON'S BIOGRAPHY.

The readers of the *ADVOCATE* do not need to be told how heartily we endorse the following from *The Watchman*:

"The most remarkable book that we have had the opportunity of reading lately, is the autobiography of John G. Paton, who has been for a generation past a missionary in the New Hebrides Islands in the South Pacific Ocean. We know not where a more apostolic spirit could be found than these pages reveal. The tender affection of this soul for the Lord Jesus Christ makes one think of Paul himself; and also like to that of Paul is the longing of this missionary for the souls of the bloody, treacherous, unclean savages for whose lost souls he was seeking. He was literally like Paul, 'in deaths oft.' He passed through almost indescribable trials and perils; 'perils in the city, in the wilderness, in the sea; perils of rivers, of robbers, of false brethren, of the heathen'—yet out of them all the Lord delivered him, and spared him to behold wonders of salvation among the heathen. Nothing to a Christian heart could be more affecting than the love that some of the converts in their dying hours showed to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Men who had been wild and savage cannibals so changed by the grace of God as to become, even on earth, sweet, heavenly spirits. This biography is a bright illustration and encouraging commentary upon Paul's word to the Roman Christians: 'I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the Power of God unto Salvation, to Every One that Believeth.'"

NEW TRACTS BY JOHN HEMMENWAY.

John Hemmenway of St. Anthony's Park, Minn., has published "Thoughts for the solemn consideration of all Christians" in the form of a four-page tract. In view of the place which mercy has in the divine economy he says:

"Of all atrocious crimes committed on earth, war, when practised and approved by professed Christians, is unquestionably the greatest."

By this all men shall know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.—John xiii. 35.

In view of the indissoluble and sacred as well as joy giving bond of marriage he writes:

"Alas! how many millions of women have been made widows, in time of war, by the husbands of other women. And how many thousands on thousands of men, by being soldiers, especially in Christian (?) Europe, are kept from marriage. And how many husbands have been torn from their loved wives by the cruel power of conscription."

He will send the tracts to any address, postage paid, for one cent each.

It is not the deed we do,
Though the deed be never so fair,
But the love that the dear Lord looketh for,
Hidden with lovely care
In the heart of the deed so fair.—Christina G. Rossetto.

REPORT OF THE BATTLE.

[This seems to us as reliable as anything we can get about this sad and lamentable affair.—Ed.]

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs received a report from Indian Agent Royer at Pine Ridge, dated Dec. 31, giving an account of the fight at Wounded Knee Creek two days before. The report says: From the best information I can obtain Big Foot and his band surrendered to Major Whiteside, and while they were disarming them an Indian known as their "medicine man" rose from his seat and began to cry out, "Kill the soldiers; their bullets will not have any effect upon our ghost shirts," at the same time stooping to the ground, picking up handfuls of dirt, throwing it up in the air, and after a short performance of perhaps two minutes, he fired his gun in the direction of the military. This started the war that resulted in the killing of Captain Wallace and twenty-five soldiers, wounding thirty-five soldiers, some fatally, and the killing of a large number of Indians known as the Big Foot band, or the hostile band of Sitting Bull Indians who escaped from the police and military at Standing Rock Agency immediately after the killing of Sitting Bull. There are at the agency, under the care of the military, fifty-one wounded Indians of the Big Foot band, four men and forty-seven women and children. None of these are considered in a dangerous condition, so far as I am able to learn, and they look as though they would recover. Rev. Charles S. Cook, Episcopal minister at this agency, is kindly allowing his church to be used to shelter the wounded Indians. He has thirty-eight of the number in his church, and is doing a missionary's part to see that they are properly cared for. This battle occurred at a point about twenty miles northeast from the agency, known as the Wounded Knee store, recently occupied by Prescott & Robertson. I am informed that the military had every preparation made to feed and care for the Indians and their intention was to take them to Gordon, Neb., the nearest railroad point, but the attack, which ended practically as I have stated, upset all plans.

The party sent to Wounded Knee to bury the dead Indians found and buried eighty-four males and sixty-three females and children. It was also found that five had been buried by the Indians. In addition to this total of 152, we have heard now and then of others who have been carried away by hostile scouts, etc., sufficient to swell the number of dead Indians, as a result of the battle of Wounded Knee, to fully two hundred, with several others yet to die in the improvised hospital here.

The narratives recorded in the Old Testament of the kings of Israel and Judah are full of illustrations of the pregnant words of Josephus, the great historian of the Jews, who, after referring to many of these narratives, sums up in these words: "To speak in general, we can produce no example wherein our fathers got any success by war, or failed of success when without war they committed themselves to God." (Book v. 414.)—George Gillett.

The Pope has consented to act as mediator between Portugal and Belgium, in the event of the difficulties which have arisen in connection with the delimitation of the province of Angola, on the Congo.